

REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed 22 March 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claim 62 has been amended. Claims 58 and 61 have been cancelled. Claims 56, 57, 60, 62, and 63 are pending in this application, with claim 62 being the independent claim. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as amended, and in view of the following remarks, and entry of this Amendment, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action mailed 22 March 2006, all rejections of the claims in view of the prior art were withdrawn.

Claims 56, 57, 58, 60, 61, 62, and 63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Examiner stated that there was no support for excluding binders from the web. (Office Action, pages 2 and 3).

Independent claim 62 has been amended to recite that the paper product comprising a fiber layer and on the fiber layer is disposed a layer of elementary pigment particles of a size in the range of 0.5 - 100 nm, and wherein the layer of elementary pigment particles does not comprise a binder. Amended claim 62 is supported in the specification at page 5, lines 27 to 31, which states that the applied layer of elementary pigment particles does not have to include a binder.

In view of the amendment of independent claim 62, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

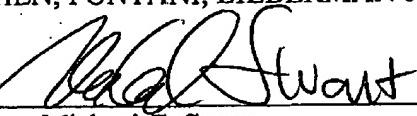
Applicants request entry of this amendment and submit that the amendments to claim 62 do not raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search because the Office Action of 22 March 2006 clearly considered the patentability over the prior art of the subject matter of claim 62 but had merely deemed that claim 62 covered a particular claimed embodiment that was not supported by the specification.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 62 is patentable. Dependent claims 56, 57, 60 and 63 are patentable for the same reasons that independent claim 62 is patentable. Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fees or charges are currently due. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

Respectfully submitted,

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